



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
Agenda Date: January 13, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Garrett Huff, Fire Chief/Fire Warden
Contact Info: Sergio Sanchez, Division Chief of Support Services
SUBJECT: **Second Amendment to extend the Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District and Mission Critical Partners, LLC**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment (Attachment A) to the Agreement for Professional Services (Attachment B) between Santa Barbara County Fire District (Fire District) and Mission Critical Partners, LLC (MCP) to extend the contract through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Find that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2) in that they involve continuing administrative or maintenance activities, and CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), in that they involve organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary

The Fire District requests that the Board of Supervisors approve a Second Amendment to extend the agreement with Mission Critical Partners, LLC (MCP) through June 30, 2026, to provide continued project management and technical support for the Regional Fire Communications Center (RFCC). The RFCC went live in May 2025. However, several minor but essential closeout tasks remain that require MCP's subject-matter expertise. The extension provides sufficient time to complete these remaining items and ensure a thorough and successful project conclusion, with no additional funding required.

Discussion

Although the RFCC is fully operational and supporting daily fire and EMS dispatch, several follow-up tasks remain to close out the project fully. These items do not impact ongoing operations but are necessary to ensure all systems, integrations, planning documents, and supporting processes are completed to standard.

The requested extension through June 30, 2026, provides a reasonable buffer to finalize these remaining elements, particularly given earlier construction and technology delays that shifted the RFCC go-live date from January to mid-May 2025. MCP's continued support is needed to complete minor tasks in the following key areas: development of the new facility implementation plan, facility and operations cutover support; Next Generation 911 coordination; accelerated implementation planning for ambulance transport provisions; and general consulting services, including IT and GIS support. Extending the agreement will allow both parties to complete the final project components and ensure long-term stability of the regional communications system.

Background

On November 16, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved construction of the RFCC, intended to provide seamless, countywide fire and EMS dispatching services. Construction began in May 2023, and the RFCC successfully went live in May 2025.

To support the implementation of the RFCC, the Fire District contracted with Mission Critical Partners, LLC in May 2024. The Board approved two amendments in August 2024 and April 2025, respectively, that increased the contract amount, bringing the total contract value, including all amendments, to \$468,657. While the RFCC is now operational, certain project closeout activities remain due to earlier construction and technology delays. The Fire District is therefore requesting approval to extend the MCP agreement through June 30, 2026, with no increase to the total contract amount.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts

There are no fiscal and facility impacts to the extension.

Fiscal Analysis

The total contract amount, including all amendments, is \$468,657, and the contract extension requires no additional funding.

Special Instructions

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to please return a copy of the Amendment and minute order to the Fire Department, attention: Sergio Sanchez.

Attachments

Attachment A – Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between the County of Santa Barbara Fire Protection District and Mission Critical Partners, LLC.

Attachment B – Agreement between Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District and Mission Critical Partners, LLC.